

# ADULT SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS



## THE CITY OF LONG BEACH PARKS AND RECREATION **ADULT SPORTS LEAGUE SUMMER 24'**

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## **FAQ'S:**

### **What are the Team Fees?**

Men's & Coed - \$450 Per Team

Sunday - \$350 Per Team

### **What is the Officiating Fee?**

\$20 per team/per game

### **What is the Forfeit Fee?**

\$40 per team/per game

### **When are the Game Times?**

6:30PM, 7:45PM & 9PM or 7PM & 8:15PM

### **Where are the Games Located?**

Eldorado Field #3, Eldorado Field #4, Pan American Field #1, Pan American #2 & Joe Rodgers

### **How many players can be on a Roster?**

Maximum roster size is 16 players

### **Can I sign up as an individual?**

Individuals can sign up by registering as a free agent on [teamsideline.com/longbeach](http://teamsideline.com/longbeach)

# LONG BEACH GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

## 1. FEE DEADLINE:

**ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS.** If your team does not make payment in full by the publicized registration deadline, your team placement in the league is not guaranteed. **PARTIAL FEE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

## 2. ROSTER/PLAYERS:

**The Team Manager section of the roster is due to the Sports Office prior to the first game played. Failure to submit team information on your roster prior to the first game played may result in a paper forfeit loss for the first game of the season. Paper forfeits are reversible up until the hard deadline for the season (after the 3rd week of games).**

**By your 3<sup>rd</sup> week of games, a completed roster (Team Manager Info, Player Names, Signatures, Addresses, Phone Numbers) are due. Teams who fail to turn in their roster will receive irreversible paper forfeits. Two forfeits will automatically disqualify your team from playoff eligibility.**

**ALL ROSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE SPORTS OFFICE OR SCANED AND EMAILED TO Leonel.atienza@longbeach.gov . We will no longer be accepting rosters that are left in the scoreboard.** It is recommended that teams carry a full roster to allow for injuries and players that may be out of town. Please see specific sports for roster limits. NOTE: LEAGUE AND PLAYOFF SCHEDULES WILL NOT BE CHANGED TO ACCOMODATE PLAYERS OR TEAMS IN MORE THAN ONE (1) LEAGUE.

## 3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

All players must be eighteen (18) years old or older to participate in an Adult Sports League. EXCEPTION: Senior Softball – players must be fifty-five (55) years old or older. No active professional or collegiate athletes will be allowed to play in any league. Former professional or collegiate athletes must have been inactive for at least one year to participate. Teams or players found in violation of this rule will result in team forfeiture of all games in which the player(s) participated.

## 4. ADDING/DROPPING PLAYERS: ALL ADD/DROP FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE SPORTS OFFICE OR SCANED AND EMAILED TO Leonel.atienza@longbeach.gov

**We will no longer be accepting ADD/DROP forms that are left in the scoreboard.**

Players may be added and dropped up until the beginning of the seventh (7) game of the league (this includes holidays and make-up games). All players and all changes must be in writing on the add/drop form and received in the Sports Office or on-site prior to participation in any league game.

## 5. REFUND POLICY:

Refunds for Adult Sports League fees will be available once the schedules for that particular league have been generated and printed. Any team that is removed from any league (willingly and on their own fruition) will be refunded a certain portion of their league fee, based on games played. Teams removed from leagues because of suspension or because of disciplinary action by the Sports Office will not receive a refund. Refunds for Adult Sports League fees will be processed if the league has been cancelled. **The City of Long Beach has a refund processing fee of \$10.**

## **6.PICTORIAL IDENTIFICATION:**

Each player at every game must have in their possession and be able to provide a valid photo identification (Government issued Driver's License or Identification Card) if requested by the official to do so. Any team using ineligible players (not on the roster, no identification) will automatically forfeit any game played if an eligibility protest is made and upheld by the Sports Coordinator.

## **7.OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER:**

The umpire/referee will be the official scorekeeper for each game. Managers of both teams must initial scorecards after each game/match to confirm scores. EXCEPTION: Basketball and Beach Volleyball (please see specific sports rules).

## **8.OFFICIALS FEES:**

Each team is required to present the game official(s) with the appropriate fee of twenty dollars **\$20 IN CASH** prior to the beginning of the game. No game will begin until both teams have paid the official(s) in full. If a team does not pay the official, that team will be charged with a forfeit loss. In sports with multiple officials, if only one official appears for a scheduled game, payment to the official working the game will be half of the regular individual team fee. EXCEPTION: Football and Beach Volleyball (please see specific sports rules).

## **9.FORFEIT FEE:**

All forfeit fees should be paid in person at the Sports Office. Paying forfeit fees to umpires directly is strictly prohibited.

Teams that forfeit any game must pay both teams official's **\$40** for that game. Payment must be received in the Sports Office within one (1) week of the forfeited game. Failure to comply may result in the team's removal from the league. Cash or Check are accepted forms of payment. Payment must be made payable to the City of Long Beach. EXCEPTION: Teams that notify the Sports Office **24 hours prior to game time** (weeknight games only) on the scheduled game day will not be required to pay the forfeit fee, only if the game is the first or last for that scheduled day.

## **10.FORFEIT RULE:**

Teams forfeiting two (2) games/matches will not be eligible for the playoffs. Teams forfeiting three (3) games/matches will automatically be removed from the league and will forfeit the unused balance of fees.

## **11.PROTESTS:**

Oral protests must be made by the team manager/captain with the official(s) and the opposing team manager/captain prior to the next live ball situation. Protests will not be considered unless they are received at the Sports Office in writing within one (1) working day of the incident. Protests will be decided upon on the spot during the playoffs. Protests for ineligible players must be made by the opposing manager/captain before the end of the game to allow the official to check the identification of the player in question. No protest fee is required at this time. Any player requested by the official(s) to show identification must do so within ten (10) minutes following the completion of the game. If the player in question does not return within the ten (10) minute time period or if the identification does not match the name and signature on the scorecard, the game will be called a forfeit. If the player in question provides identification that matches the name and signature on the scorecard and the opposing manager still feels that the player is illegal, that manager must follow the standard protest procedure outlined above.

## **12.RULE CLARIFICATION:**

Only the manager/captain may approach the official(s) to clarify a call.

## **13.FIGHTING:**

Any team, player(s), or spectator(s) fighting before, during, or after any City of Long Beach Adult Sport League game will be ejected from the area immediately. The area consists of the field/court, the parking lot, and any portion of City property. If a team, player, or spectator refuses to leave the area or will not stop fighting, this will result in additional team and individual penalties. All penalties will be determined by and enforced by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. ALL ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL. The minimum TEAM penalty for fighting is a three (3) game suspension, not counting the game/match in which the incident occurred. This suspension cannot be appealed. The minimum INDIVIDUAL penalty for fighting is an indefinite suspension pending an Adult Sports Executive Committee decision. All Adult Sports Executive Committee decisions are final and may not be appealed. Once suspended, the team, player(s), or spectator(s) may not participate or attend any City of Long Beach Adult Sports Activities during the duration of their suspension. Failure to comply will result in additional penalties. PLEASE REFER TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT.

## **14.TRASH TALKING/VERBAL ABUSE:**

Abusive language and/or gestures by any player(s), spectator(s), or coaches directed towards scorekeepers, officials, or other participants will not be permitted. The official will issue a warning on the first occurrence, if abusive conditions continue the individual(s) in question will be ejected from the area. Please see rule #17 for participant ejection rule clarification.

## **15.ALCOHOL / DRUGS:**

Alcoholic consumption or drug use on any City property is strictly prohibited. Any player(s) or spectator(s) believed to be under the influence of alcohol, or any other drug will be immediately ejected from the area and will be suspended for a minimum of the next City of Long Beach league game played. If the player(s) or spectator(s) refuse to leave the area, a forfeit will be called, and the player(s) or spectator(s) will be suspended indefinitely pending a hearing before the Executive Committee. **ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.**

## **16.PETS:**

Pets (of any kind) are allowed at field locations but must remain on leash at all times and owners are required to pick up after their pets. Doggie bags are not available at park locations, owners must bring their own.

## **17.PARTICIPANT EJECTION:**

Any player(s), spectator(s), or coach ejected before, during, or after any Long Beach Adult Sports League game will be automatically suspended a minimum of one (1) game, as well as the remainder of the game in which the suspension occurred. Once suspended, the team, player(s), or spectator(s) may not participate or attend any City of Long Beach Adult Sports Activities during the duration of their suspension and until a decision is made by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. Failure to comply will result in additional penalties. Following the ejection of a team or individual, the game will not continue until the ejected participant(s) vacate the area. Failure to vacate the premises will result in additional penalties.

### **18.MISSED GAMES:**

In the event a game is not played for any reason, CONTINUE FOLLOWING YOUR CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINING GAMES. PLEASE CONTACT THE SPORTS OFFICE OR THE SPORTS COORDINATOR FOR RESCHEDULING INFORMATION.

### **19.PLAYOFFS:**

Single elimination tournament format will be utilized. The top four (4) teams in each division bracket will advance to the playoffs. In divisions with less than six (6) teams, the top three (3) teams in each division bracket will advance to the playoffs. Selected wildcard teams will be added if necessary. If a playoff team is not able to play, is disqualified, or removed from the division, the next place team will be substituted in their playoff seed. When appropriate, first and second round playoffs will be played on the usual night and location of league play. Nevertheless, teams must be available to play on other nights and locations, as well as multiple nights in the same week. Playoff schedule will not be posted at the same time as the regular schedule.

### **20.PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY:**

**Players must be signed on the team's official team roster or on an official add/drop form and have competed in four (4) regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs.** Players must print their name legibly and sign next to it. Scribbles and signatures only (or printed name only) may not be counted towards playoff eligibility. Men's and Coed teams may play with a minimum of eight (8) players (Coed teams must consist of four (4) females and four (4) males) to avoid a forfeit.

### **21.PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:**

Once playoff eligibility has been posted, it is the team manager's responsibility to reach out to the Sports Office if they believe there are any discrepancies. Disputes must be presented no later than 3 days prior to playoff games to give office staff a chance to check records. No changes will be made if disputes are made on game day.

### **22.TIE BREAKER:**

In the event of a tie in the final standings of a league, the following tie breaker will be used:

1. Total wins
2. Regular season head-to-head competition
3. Head-to-head differential
4. Common Opponents
5. Total Run Differential
6. Strength of schedule
7. Lowest number of forfeits,
8. Coin Flip.

### **23.ILLEGAL PLAYER:**

An illegal player is:

1. a person playing on a team whose name and signature do not appear on that team's official roster or official add/drop forms.
2. a person on more than one (1) team roster in the same league or night/day (example: Tuesday D1 and Tuesday D2 or two teams in Tuesday D1).

NOTE: Any team found using illegal players will automatically forfeit any and all games in which the illegal player participated in. It is each teams' manager's responsibility to monitor or protest illegal players.

#### **24.WEATHER/FIELD CONDITIONS:**

If you are in doubt of weather or field conditions possibly affecting your game, please call the Long Beach **Field Conditions Hotline at 562-570-3799 after 3:00 PM on game day**. Due to the large number of teams in our leagues, it is impossible for the League Coordinators to notify all team managers of cancelled game information. **Teams should be prepared to play make-up games on any night or field and on short notice.**

#### **25.FIRST AID:**

The City of Long Beach does not provide first aid at any Adult Sports facilities. It is recommended that the managers of each team bring any first aid items that they feel are necessary. Please see specific sports rules.

#### **26.SCMF BLOOD RULE:**

Any player, coach, or official who is bleeding, has an open wound, or has blood on his/her body or clothing, is prohibited from further participation in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. If first aid is required for a player, the player must be immediately removed from the game, unless treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time. A player, coach, or official will not be allowed to participate unless:

1. All bleeding has stopped
2. Any exposed cut/scrape which has bled is completely covered
3. Bloody clothing is removed It is recommended that teams have spare clothing available at the game site to be used if necessary.

#### **27.CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS COORDINATOR:**

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator is the final authority for all on field/court and off field/court decisions (INCLUDING SUSPENSIONS) on any City of Long Beach Adult Sports League. The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator has the authority to see to the safety of the participants, officials, spectators, and equipment at any City of Long Beach site or any site being used by any City of Long Beach Adult Sport League.

**If necessary, the City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator is authorized to warn individuals of actions CONTRARY to the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook and eject any participant(s), spectator(s), or anyone else who does not comply with the rules and regulations as stated in the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook. This authority does not affect the official of the match in any way. It is in addition to that authority.**

No rules or regulations dealing with a team's right to protest are changed by this supplement. Please see rule #11. The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator determines schedule changes, league relocations, and team reclassification, as necessary. The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator determines whether any games/matches are subject to suspension, replay, or forfeit as determined by the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook.

#### **28.CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports Executive Committee is the final authority for all clarification and interpretation of rules and regulations as outlined in the City of Long Beach Supplemental Rulebook and the Participant's Code of Conduct

# Coed & Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Supplemental Rules

Current Official 2023 SCMAF Softball Rules as well as these supplemental rules will be the official rules for play.

## 1. ROSTER / PLAYERS: ALL ROSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE SPORTS OFFICE OR SCANED AND EMAILED TO [Leonel.atienza@longbeach.gov](mailto:Leonel.atienza@longbeach.gov)

**We will no longer be accepting rosters that are left in the scoreboard.** Coed and Men's Softball teams will defensively consist of ten (10) players. For Coed, there is a maximum of (5 men and 5 women). Coed and Men's Softball games may be played without a forfeit with eight (8) roster players. Coed must consist of (4 men – 4 women) and can also play with (9) rostered players (4 women – 5 men or 5 women – 4 men) at game time. Both Coed and Men's teams can reach a **Maximum roster size at sixteen (16) players.** Once the game has begun, teams may not play with seven (7) players resulting from ejection, injury, etc. Teams with less than 8 players will result in a forfeit.

## 2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

A player may participate in multiple leagues of same classification. It is illegal for a player to participate in two (2) separate teams in the same division. It is illegal for any player to play out of classification. The Softball Coordinator will determine all player classification. Players found playing out of classification will receive one (1) warning and will be removed from that classification. Further violations will result in team forfeiture of all games in which the player(s) participated illegally. PENALTY: Forfeiture of all games played in illegally.

## 3. PERSONAL CONDUCT:

No player or coach may address any official while in possession of a bat. This applies to all participants, spectators, and coaches before, during or after the game. Violation of this rule may result in immediate ejection from the game and indefinite suspension from the league until further review by the Adult Sports Executive Committee.

## 4. ADDING/DROPPING PLAYERS:

Players may be added and dropped up **until the beginning of the seventh (7) game** of the league (this includes holidays and make-up games). All players and all changes must be in writing on the add/drop form and submitted to the Sports Office prior to participation in any league game.

## 5. GAME SHEETS:

Managers should not fill out scorecard prior to the game. Players should print and sign their own name as they come in. No game may begin until a completed scorecard with signatures is submitted to the umpire; however, time limit for game will begin as scheduled. Late players must sign the scorecard before entering the game. **Names on score sheet must provide first and last name as well as a signature; writing must be legible (Failure to provide legible, full names on score sheet may result in player not given credit for game played)**



## **6.GAME TIME:**

Slow-pitch games will be regularly scheduled for 6:30, 7:45, and 9:00pm, or 7:00 and 8:15pm depending on the amount of needed game times. NOTE: Times are subject to change.

## **7.LENGTH OF GAME:**

- All games will last seven (7) innings or 65 minutes, whichever occurs first.
- All innings that begin within the time limit will be completed unless it is the last half of an inning, and the home team is ahead.
- All are considered an Official Game after four (4) completed innings.
- Semifinal play-off games will follow the above rulings.
- All play-off games will be played out fully without a time limit.

## **8.PLAYOFF GAME TIE BREAKER:**

In the event of a tie after the completion of seven (7) innings, a runner shall be placed at second base each successive extra inning. Runner placed at second base will be the last out from the previous inning. NOTE: Regular season games end in a tie.

## **9.MERCY RULE:**

- A Slow-Pitch game may end any time after four (4) innings when a team is behind by fifteen (15) runs or more and has completed its turn at bat.
- Playoff or Championship Slow-Pitch game may end after five (5) innings when a team is behind by fifteen (15) runs or more. If home team is trailing by (15) or more runs, they must have their opportunity to bat in the bottom of the inning.

## **10.FORFEIT RULE:**

**Teams forfeiting two (2) matches will not be eligible for playoffs.**

## **11.FORFEIT TIME:**

- There is a ten (10) minute grace period for the first game only. All other games will start on time as scheduled.
- The grace period is still part of the total game time.
- Games will be forfeited if:
  - A team can't field eight (8) players at game time.
  - A team found to have used an illegal or non-roster player
  - A team continues to harass the Referee or if the Referee feels the situation is such that a physical harm may come to him/herself, other players, or spectators.
  - Any player consuming any alcoholic beverages on the playing fields, park facility, or parking lots. Teams who violate this rule before, during, and after a game will forfeit the game and will be suspended from the league. If a manager knowingly allows a member of the team to participate under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they will be subject to suspension. Any violation of these rules could result in criminal prosecution.

## **12.FORFEIT FEE:**

**ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH.**

**All forfeit fees should be paid in person at the Sports Office. Paying forfeit fees to umpires directly is strictly prohibited.** Teams that forfeit must pay both team officials a fee of **\$40.00**. Payment must be received by the Sports Office within one week of the forfeited game. Failure to comply may result in the team's removal from the league. Cash, Cashier's Check, Money Order and Personal Check are all acceptable forms of payment. If managers plan on paying cash, they must bring exact change.

## **13.UMPIRE FEES:**

**\$20.00** per team, per game due to the umpire in cash prior to the start of the game. NOTE: Any team that does not have the full amount to pay the umpire by their scheduled game time or forfeit time (only for the first (1st) scheduled game time) will be subject to forfeit.

## **14.RECLASSIFICATION:**

**Teams may be reclassified after the fifth (5th) game played** and should be prepared to switch nights of play if the need arises. Managers must contact the sports office within 24 hours following the completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> game. Reclassification will not be considered prior to the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> game. Teams moved to higher classifications are assured of a playoff spot. Subsequent playoff classification will be determined by the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) half results.

## **15.HOME TEAM/VISTING TEAM:**

The home team will occupy the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) base dugout. The home team will bring one (1) new, approved softball and the visiting team will bring one (1) good, approved back-up softball. The umpire will be the sole judge on the quality of game balls. Failure to provide a new approved softball may result in a forfeiture of the home team status. NOTE: The Adult Sports Office will provide each playoff game with one (2) new game balls. Both teams must provide back-up balls.

## **16.APPROVED SOFTBALLS:**

The Sports Office will provide six (6) game balls to each registered team. **The balls provided will be the only acceptable balls.** If a team misplaces their softballs, they must replace them with the same brand provided by the Sports Office.

NOTE: If the home team does not provide a new unused softball on game day it may be declared a forfeit. Each team must bring one new unused ball to the first league game. It is recommended that teams carry their used game softballs with them in case additional backup softballs are needed.

## **17.APPROVED FOOTWEAR:**

**Metal cleats are not allowed in any City of Long Beach Adult Softball League.** Rubber-soled soccer style cleats are the only recommended footwear for all leagues. Players found to be wearing metal cleats will be asked to change. If a player refuses to change cleats, does not have another pair of legal cleats, or is not legally substituted out of the game, the player will be ejected for the remainder of that game.

## **18.HELMETS:**

Although it is not mandatory, the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine recommend that all Adult Fast-Pitch offensive players (including the on-deck batter) wear helmets with double earflaps.

**19.PITCHING DISTANCE/PITCH HEIGHT/BASE LINES:**

The pitching distance will be 50 feet and the baseline 60 feet for all leagues. Pitch height cannot exceed 16 feet.

**20.COURTESY RUNNER:**

There is no limit to courtesy runners allowed in an inning. However, a player may be a courtesy runner for only one player per inning. COED LEAGUE NOTE: A male may not be a courtesy runner for a female and a female may not be a courtesy runner for a male.

NOTE: If a courtesy runner is on-base when it is his/her turn to bat, an out will be awarded to the defensive team. A courtesy runner cannot be requested or awarded for a courtesy runner. If this out is not the third out, the courtesy runner stays on base and the next batter in the respective gender lineup is up to bat.

**21.ONE-AND-ONE COUNT:**

All Coed and Men's Slow-Pitch Adult Softball league participants will start each at bat with a one (1) ball and one (1) strike count.

**22.ONE-UP HOME RUN RULE:**

**ONLY AT ALL FENCED FIELDS IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. THIS APPLIES TO ALL COED AND MEN'S LEAGUES.** The first team to hit an over-the-fence home run cannot hit another home run until the opposing team hits an over-the-fence home run. Then either team can hit the next over-the-fence home run. If a team hits an ineligible home run, it will be ruled a single. Any ball that is touched on the fly and consequently goes over the fence will be ruled a four-base error, not a home run. It will not apply to the one-up home run rule. NOTE: Runners may only advance one base on a One-Up Home Run if they are pushed/forced to advance.

**23.THREE STRIKE RULE:**

In the occasion of the batter having two strikes, they will be considered out after hitting a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) foul ball.

**24.OFFICIAL BATTING ORDER:**

The batting order must be established prior to the start of the game on the official scorecard and must be followed accordingly. A team will have the option of batting their entire team's legal roster of any number of players from 8-16 that are present at the time of the game. Players must bat in alternating order by sex.

## 25.OFFICAL BATS:

### **ALL FULL COMPOSITE AND TITANIUM BATS ARE BANNED/ILLEGAL IN ALL CITY OF LONG BEACH SOFTBALL LEAGUES.**

- This includes, but not limited to:
  - Easton Synergy and Mizuno Techfire
  - Bats shall have a bat performance factor (BPF) not exceeding 1.20
- A bat with a composite handle is legal if the barrel is made up of an alloy.
- **Certified Bats for all City of Long Beach Coed Leagues:**
  - Women may use:
    - single wall, double wall, or half & half bat (composite handle / aluminum barrel)
  - Men may use:
    - single wall, or half & half (composite handle / aluminum barrel)
- **Certified Bats for all City of Long Beach Men's Leagues:**
  - Men may use:
    - any single wall, double wall, or half & half (composite handle / aluminum barrel)

If a team is found to be in violation of this rule, the player in question will be ejected from the game and a one (1) game suspension will be assessed. The batted ball will be ruled out and any base runners must return to their original position on the base paths. ILLEGAL BAT ISSUES CANNOT BE PROTESTED AFTER A GAME.

NOTE: If any umpire believes in his/her judgment that a bat has been altered from its original condition, he/she may deem the bat illegal and remove that bat from the further game play.

## COED LEAUGE SPECIFIC RULES

### **INTENTIONAL WALKS – MEN:**

A male batter who is intentionally walked on three (3) consecutive balls, without a strike called during the at bat will be awarded second (2nd) base. Base runners will only advance if forced to do so.

### **COURTESY RUNNERS:**

Men may only serve as courtesy runners for men, and women may only serve as courtesy runners for women.

### **OFFICIAL BATS:**

Women may use any single wall, double wall, or Half and Half Bat (composite handle / aluminum barrel). Men may use any single wall, or Half and Half Bat (composite handle / aluminum barrel). ALL FULL COMPOSITE AND TITANIUM BATS ARE BANNED/ILLEGAL IN ALL CITY OF LONG BEACH SOFTBALL LEAGUES. This includes but is not limited to: Easton Synergy and Mizuno Techfire. Bats shall have a bat performance factor (BPF) not exceeding 1.20. A bat with a composite handle is legal if the barrel is made up of an alloy.

# SUPPLEMENTAL GROUND RULES

The following rules are specific to certain City of Long Beach Adult League Softball Fields. Questions or Ground rules not covered by these supplemental rules or the SCMAF Rulebook will be the sole judgement of the umpire.

## **EL DORADO FIELD #3 & #4:**

Out of play imaginary lines extend from the first base and third base dugout fences, continuing parallel with the foul lines to the outfield fences.

## **JOE RODGERS FIELD:**

Out of play imaginary lines angle in from the end of the first base and third base dugout fences to the next immediate light pole, continuing parallel with the foul lines to the outfield fences.

## **PAN AMERICAN FIELD #1 & #2:**

- Out of play imaginary lines angle in from the end of the first base and third base dugout fences to the last(third) light pole, continuing parallel with the foul lines.
- Any playable fly ball hit in FOUL territory that strikes an overhanging tree or bush is a dead ball. A strike will be issued to the batter and any runners may not advance or be called out.
- Any playable batted ball hit in FAIR territory that strikes an overhanging tree, bush, sidewalks, buildings, street, tables, and/or benches in the outfield is an automatic home run. All runners will score. This rule is in effect due to ensure the safety of all participants. NOTE: Batted ball does not have to hit any of the above on the fly. If the ball rolls onto the sidewalk, street, etc. it will also be ruled an automatic home run.